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In re application of:

NAKAMURA et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-

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GLUTAMINE PRODUCING

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Examiner: Delia M. RAMIREZ

Attorney Ref. No.: US-110

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the second rejection of the primary examiner in the above-captioned patent application.

The fee of \$510 (fee code 1401) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) was previously paid on January 16, 2008. As prosecution was re-opened by the Examiner on March 17, 2008, this fee should not be due at this time.

The Director is nevertheless authorized to charge any fee, including the Notice of Appeal fee, and to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account <u>50-2821</u>.

A Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is enclosed herewith.

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